

II. Preliminary Amendment

Please add new claim 58 as follows:

58. (New) A delivery system for an anastomotic connector comprising:

a body including a handle for applying force;

a connector holder area defined at a distal end of said body and adapted for holding an anastomosis connector, wherein said force is transferred to said area for deploying said connector; and

a non-limp geometry changing elongate section bridging between said body and said area, wherein said system is adapted for holding and deploying a two part connector comprising a plurality of tissue engaging elements that are retracted by said force during deployment, such that a base ring portion of the connector is engaged by the holder area and a tissue puller portion of the connector is retracted by said force.

III. Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to add new claim 58. Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 58 is fully supported by the original specification and drawings and adds no new matter.